



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

***PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY***

WHEREAS, the first *Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day* was held October 10, 2001, to deliver messages to the public about major causes of transportation fatalities and their avoidance; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes in the state of Florida claimed 31,256 lives this decade, including 2,563 fatalities in 2009; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, *Don't be driven to distraction – Drive to arrive!*, brings attention to the problem of distracted driving, which is any activity that takes a driver's attention away from the task of driving; and

WHEREAS, the three main types of distraction are: visual - taking your eyes off the road; manual - taking your hands off the wheel; and cognitive - taking your mind off driving; and

WHEREAS, all distractions can endanger motorists' safety, but technology advancements in the past 20 years have led to more distractions that take drivers' eyes off the road and hands off the steering wheel; and

WHEREAS, distracting activities include: talking and texting on cellular phones, eating, drinking, talking to passengers, grooming, reading, using a navigation system, watching a video, tuning the radio and a host of other activities; and

WHEREAS, drivers can reduce the number of traffic crashes and resulting fatalities by eliminating distractions; and

WHEREAS, October 10, 2010 is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual *Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day* and the state of Florida is proud to participate in this nationwide effort to reduce fatalities on our roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and well wishes to all observing October 10, 2010, as *Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year two thousand ten.

A blue ink signature of Charlie Crist, written in a cursive style.  
Governor